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Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Launches Dallas County Data Dashboard

New dashboard will increase transparency and accountability in Texas' third-largest city

AUSTIN, TX – Following the launch of a first-of-its-kind criminal justice data dashboard in Harris County late last year, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition is proud to announce that its <u>Dallas</u> County dashboard is now live.

Made possible by the Microsoft Cities Team, the dashboard was created in partnership with January Advisors. The interactive search tool visualizes data from over 100,000 criminal court cases dating back to January 1, 2017.

"The Dallas County data dashboard provides a critical transparency and accountability mechanism that we hope can jumpstart the conversation about the importance of criminal justice data," said Jay Jenkins, TCJC's Harris County Project Attorney. "Making this data accessible will empower local leaders, justice system practitioners, advocates, journalists, and system-impacted people to understand case outcomes and visualize trends in their community."

"In Dallas," Jenkins added, "this transparency tool is particularly valuable as a way to measure the need for—and success of—District Attorney Creuzot's recently proposed reforms. Just as our Harris County dashboard helped show the <u>successes and failures</u> of Houston's marijuana diversion program, we hope our newest dashboard will help community members and elected officials identify and correct injustices within the Dallas County criminal justice system."

TCJC will continue to provide updates as we and our community partners utilize this new tool in our local criminal justice reform work.

To use the Dallas County dashboard, visit <u>tcjcdashboard.org/dallas</u>. Jay Jenkins's extended explanation of the dashboard, its features, and its potential is available on the TCJC blog <u>here</u>.

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